

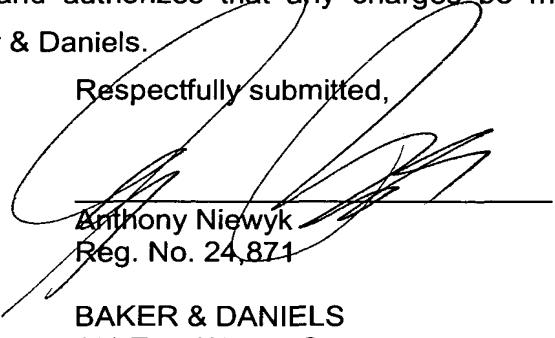
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By the present Preliminary Amendment, a reference to related application numbers 10/228,319 filed August 26, 2002 and 09/707,176 filed November 6, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,454,745 granted September 24, 2002, has been made.

Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application is respectfully requested.

In the event applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, applicant hereby petitions therefore and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

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